THE CITY'S ROYAL GUEST.

A RECEPTION TO HAWAIPS KING IN THE MASONIC TEMPLE.

The Grand Muster's Welcome to "Brother Kalakana" Coing Through the Ceremony of Opening a Lodge and Conferring the Third Degree A Ride in Central Park.

King Kalakaua, Chief Justice Allen, Gov. Kapena and Lieut. Patmer breakfasted yesterdap with Prof. E. L. Youmans, spent an hour or, called on A. T. Stewart, Col. Kitchen and Col. Leuser, and attended a children's party at Mrs. Lee's in Fifth avenue. Later in the afternoon tie King and Mr. C. J. Farley, and Gov. Kapena and Mr. H. C. Terry rode through the Central Park behind two teams of quickstepping horses. His Majesty skilfully handled ons. Arriving at the lower take he reined up his horses and viewed the skaters. Then be save them the whip and drove at a 2:40 pace down the easterly drive and out of the Pitth avenue entrance to the Windsor Hotel.
On his arrival at the hotel his Majesty was precuted by Messrs. Schuvier, flartley & Grahim with a masonic apron, and the jewels belonging to the thirty-second degree.

VISITING MASONIC TEMPLE. At half past 8 o'clock the King, Gov. Kapena, and Lieut. Totton, escorted by Aldermen Gilon and Kenr and Assistant Alderman Brucks. visited the Masonic Temple. Long before the King's arrival the crowd of curious secret chambers of the Temple blocked the entrance on Twenty-third street and into Sixth avenue. So great was the crush that it was found recessary to send for a plateon of police to keep the entrance clear. They came under the command of In-spector Dilks, and forming in two lines from the entrance to the top of the first flight of stairs, kept back all who were not entitled to enter. During the day a rumor had gained currency that there was to be a special meeting of the Consistory, and that the thirty-second degree was to be worked. This had the effect of bring-ing out nearly all the noted members of the Order, and it is a long time since so large a numher of prominent Masons have assembled in this 'y. All the members of the Grand Lodge of State in this city, with Grand Master Thorne, in attendance, dressed in full regalia. The

hail was decorated with the United ad Hawaiian flags, and directly over the to the lodge rooms was the gorgeous of the Grand Lodge of the State of New Searing the legend, "Holiness to the

ENTER THE KING. ng and suite did not arrive until about th. He was accompanied by the memsits suite who were Masons and Aldercon, at whose suggestion this invitation
king had been given. As he ascended
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received, and conducted juto one of the i lines stood on tiptoe to catch a glimbee of als sable H ghness. At the head of the stairs he was received, and conducted linto one of the pailors, where were assembled the Grand Lodge in full regala and several ladies. Grand Master Thorne welcomed him in a few fitting words, to which the King made suit ble acknowledgment. This ceremony over, a line of march was formed, with the Grand officers in advance, and they proceeded to the upper story to show his Majesty the various departments of the Temple. The King and a few of the more prominent gentlemen, however, went up on the elevator. He was shown through the rooms of the Knights Templar, the Royal Arch Chapters, the Consistory, and the various Blue Lodges, and expressed himself as very much pleased with them. He declared them to be the finest he had ever visited, and expressed a belief that there was not a more complete and beautiful Masonic temple in the world.

After thoroughly inspecting the building, the King was conducted to the door of York Lodge, No. 10% which was then in session, and after going through the formula prescribed for all Mass he before they can gain admission, to they kings or subjects, he was admitted. The Grand Lodge then entered in a body, and the third or M ster Mason's degree was examplified in full. The King is an entinesiastic A ason, and took a lively laterest in the ceremonies.

MR. BELCHER'S EXPERIENCES.

What the Great Pulpit Orntor's Year's Lessons have Taught Him.

Mr. Beecher in his lecture room talk last night said: "As regards the last year in my prosperous one with me. God has rolled off many great burdens from me, and I have had more rest in my soul. It has pleased God to give to me for Him and for the world a larger sense of consecration, not as by technics in yows and covenants, for I am not given to such consecration, but all the stream of my nature goes to Him, and to make the world stronger goes to Him, and to make the world stronger and better. In many respects I am weaned from the world in those particulars we all have to guard against. (Here Mr. Beecher stopped for a minute, and his voice trembled as he continued). I have learned patience. But the thing I am most grateful for is that in those things which lead to bitterness and anager, I have had no such feeling. God is my witness that I am sweet hearted. There is no one in the world toward whom I am not sweet at heart, and it is a blessing to me that I have gone through trials that might be fliled with provocations, and have come out a wholesome loving Christian man, as I am. And I can say that this last year has been a very prosperous one to me—a perfect harvest year, and I shall, in time to come, look back upon it as the storehouse of God's mercy to me. No one has been placed as I have to watch the growth of this church and it interior development. I have never spoken much about it, for no privacy has been allowed to us, and it has not seemed good taste or good manners to boast. If there is any church where there are so many noble men and noble women, where there is such a unity of feeling, where there are so many who are laying their lives down for the good of the race—why I fail to know of it. While the name of Plymouth Chuch is dancing up and down in the newspapers, it is not of your doing. It is a fine given to us by others. Those who know this church only through the newspapers do not know it at all. [Applause.] There is a volume of experience here which does not go abroad. God never brought together in this world so many Christian brethren who live in harmony and love and unity, and are kept there with such a constant growth. I love you as I love my own life, and when I go out of this church, there is no other place for me to go except to Heaven. I know no other field of work, and I believe that we get the nearest to Heaven in the church of any piace that I know of."

The tears multiplied as Mr. Beecher wrought his feet and said: "I wa the world in those particulars we all have to

A Feverish Feeling in New Orleans-War-moth's Impending Duel. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—The condition of the public mind is feverish. Poverty and political defeat drive to desperation.

The magistrate's examination of Warmoth to-day resulted in his disnowing. His duel with Edwin Jewell will probably take place in a day or two.

The annual content of Sheridan's coming is received with suppressed indignation. Efforts are being made by the Conservatives to control the Legislature.

A Fire Insurance Company Burned Out. HARTFORD, Dec. 30.—A fire at 4 A. M. in the basement of the building in Exchange corner block ecupied by the Connecticut Fire insurance Company. was supposed to have been extinguished by the Fre Department. But two hours later the flames appeared in the flat story, and the office of the company was burned out, destroying all the furniture and many valuable papers. Many flies were wet and smoked, but hay on replaced by copying.

FORTY HOURS AWAITING DEATH.

A Philadelphian's Cool Preparations for Take ing his Life—A Brain I apoised by a Morb Dread of a Second Attack of Paralysis. A stylishly dressed, fine-looking young

nan entered the office of the Southern Hotel on Sunday and registered as Charles S. Roberts of columbus, Ohio. He took a front room in the third story, and retired for the night. On Monday morning he left the house and did not re-turn till afternoon when, after telling the clerk that he wished to be left undisturbed, he went to his room. On Tuesday morning he did not go down to breakfast, and when the chamber-maid rapped at his door, he said "All right," and she went away. He kept his room all day Yesterday morning he failed to appear at break-Yesterday morning he failed to appear at breakfest, and the proprietor of the house sent the clerk to see what was the matter. The clerk knocked at the door of the room and the occupant rejeated his answer that he was "ell right," and added "Don't bother me." Late in the atternoon a porter, August Clapp, pounded loudly on the panels of the door and Mr. Roberts, feebly and huskliy, made his accustomed reply of "all right." The waiter told him that he must open the door or he should him that he must open the door or he should him that he must open the door or he should him that he would then let him in. When Mr. Clapp returned with the liquor the door was unlocked and he found Roberts lying in bed. As the later also the self-as to his ligs he lifted his chim and the waiter saw a deep g sheeross his throat. Mr. Roberts, pale and weak from loss of thood, was taken down to the office and his wound was examined. It was about three inches in length, and penetrated to the windpipe, barely missing the life atteries. He had also opened several veins in his arms and had bled profusely, the bed clothing being soaked with blood. Dr. Allen pronounced the wounds not fatal, and the young man was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

Mr. Roberts said last evening that he was a clerk in a mercantile house in Philadelphia, and that he came to New York for the express purpose of taking his life; that his true nare was Coarles Clark, and that he registered a fictitious name in the hotel to save his friends unnecessary pain. Last March he had a sho k of partises, and has since been harassed by a constant dread of another. A few days ago be experienced all the premoditory symptoms of a second cttack, and he determined to put an end to his fest, and the proprietor of the house sent the

ysis, and has since been harassed by a constant dread of another. A few days ago he experienced all the premonitory symbotoms of a second attack, and he determined to put an end to his life. He was perfectly sane, he said, when he went to his room on Monday night, and he took the precaution to tell the clerk not to disturb him, so that he would have time to bleed to death before he was discovered. He was not decided whether he would commit the act on Monday night or the next day. About midnight he formed his decision and arose from his bed, and found his razor in the darkness. He cut as decely as the knife would go, and went back to his couch to await death. He lay without food or drink until Wednesday, when he was obliged to admit the waiter. He says that if he recovers this time he shall never make another attempt at suicide.

Mr. Clerk is only 24 years old, is decidedly handsome, and shows for more than ordinary talents. He smiled pleasantly as he described his situation as he awaited death in his room, and said grimly that "the damined razor was so dill that he couldn't make it work," adding that he hoped the newspapers would make sensational reports, as he wisned to read them.

Mr. Clark lived with his parents at 32 South street, Philadelphia. He has a brother in New York, in the firm of Fisk, Clark & Flagg, at 600 Broadway.

A BANK THIEF CAPIURED.

The Hiding of a Canadian Fugitive in this City-\$6.000 for a Detective. On Monday, Dec. 7, the managers of Molson's Bank of Toronto discovered that Robert J. Dallas, their cashier, had absconded with \$43,000 of the bank's funds, chiefly in Canada bank notes. The theft must have been perpetrated after the close of the previous Satur-day's business, as inquiry showed that the thief bad taken the train for the States on that evenbad taken the train for the States on that evening. No trace of him could be found after he had got across the boundary line. It was conjectured, however, that he had fled to this city, and a thotograph of him was sent to Superintendent Walling, with a description of the man and of his offence, and a cancelled draft which bers his signature. Detective Titus found on the register of the Union Place Hotel the name "Robert J. Dunphy," written seemingty by the same hand that signed the name Robert J. Dallas to the draft. The clerks of the hotel were shown Dallas's picture, and they recognized the guest who had registered as Dunphy, Dunphy had left the hotel on Dec. IS. Further search discovered the sime signature on the registers of the Grand Union and Ashiland, and on the 26th in the Westmister Hotel.

On Tuesday morning Titus found the fugitive in Swariz's Hotel, Ellzabeth, He was re-istered as Robert J. Dallas. He asked to be sllowed to go to his room alone to put away his kinfe and pistol. After he had closed the door of his room, thinking himself unobserved, he took two lorge rolls of bank notes and wadded them into the lining of his coat, then gave himself up. Titus got him to New York. In the Police Central Office the rolls of notes were ear into the Ling of his coat, then give him-elf up. Titus got him to New York. In the olice Central Office the rolls of notes were sken from him. He had spent less than \$300. Yesterday Mr. Barrow, of 59 Wall street, the ew York correspondent of the Toronto Bank, duced Dailas to return to Toronto without the elay of obtaining a warrant for his extradition, le started last evening for Canada, under charge it Detectives Titus and Thomoson. Mr. Barrow ays that his employers believe him mentally offirm, and do not intend to prosecute him, betective Titus will get the rewards of \$1,000 for the capture of the thief and \$5,000 for the re-overy of the money.

SIXIY DAYS GRACE.

Secretary Bristow's Demands on the Pacific Railroad Companies. Washington, Dec. 30.-The respective dates of service of the demands made by the Treasury Department upon the various Pacific Railroad companies for payment to the United States of the five per centum on their net earnings, required by the act of July 1, 1862, were On the Central Branch of the Union Pacific On the Central Branch of the Union Pacific Company, Nov. II. 1874; Sloux City and Pacific, Nov. I2; Union Pacific, Nov. I2; Kansas Pacific, Nov. I4; and Central Pacific Railroad Company, Nov. 24, 1874. The companies have, respectively, sixty days from these dates within which to comply with the demands upon them, and non-compliance in any case will then be reported by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Attorney-General for his action under the law of June 20, 1874, to compel the payment by legal proceedings.

Rift. to compel the payment by legal proceedings.

Secretary Bristow takes the ground that the completion of each road, and therefore its liability to provide for the sinking fund of five per cent. per annum on its net e-mings, dates from its reception of the last installment of Government subsidy bonds, under the act of July 1, 1892, which were issued upon affidavits of the company's officers, setting forth the completion in a first-class manner, according to law, of the successive sections. Having thus certified that their roads were properly completed, section by section, they are, in the opinion of the Treasury Department, estopped from pleading the report of the Government Commission of eminent citizens in the vear 1899, that further expenditures were necessary to place the road in a first-class condition, end cannot maintain the assertion that their legal completion dates only from the recent formal acceptance of the report of this year's Commission to the effect that the aforesaid deficiencies had been fully supplied a few months ago.

THE WALLACE WIFE MURDER.

The Improbable Story that is Told by the Suspected Husband.
In the inquest yesterday into the cause of the In the inquest yesterday into the cause of the death of Margaret Wallace, who was killed on Monday night at 79 North Fifth street, her husband, Patrick Wallace, testified that when he went out she was on the floor, where she had fallen intoxicated. He returned, and found her sni on the floor, unconscious. He pucked her up and laid her on the red. He called Michael sweeney, and went for a priest, lut when he arrived she was dead. Mrs. Wallace, he said, was drunk on Sunday and Monday. She lay in the cellar on Sunday morning druck. He never quarrelled with her orsatuck her. He looked at the hickory stick that was found in the room where the dead woman lay, and said that he had seen the stick before but he never used it to strike his wife. He added, "I am as innocent of getting that bood on its as able unborn." The Coroner told Wallace that his wife died from a stroke produced by extense volence, and that six of her ribs were broken and hat her head was battered, and asked him whether she could have inflicted those highries herself. Wa lace said that he thought not, and expanded that the blood on his own clo hes was produced by a sculle with some men. The jury rendered a verdict against Wallace, and he was sent to kaymond street juit.

Clearing Out the Tombs.

Yesterday afternoon Deputy Sheriffs Coughlin and Daley took to sing Sing: George Ryan, one year for grand largery; George, alias Pat Reilly, ten years for burglary; George Henderson, five years for grand lar-ceny; Thomas Hogers, one year for grand larceny Jos ph Muntanyon, four years for burglary; Mary Wil-liams, three years and six months for grand larceny and John Moore and Henry Harrison, twenty years each for rape.

The Election in Manitoba. FORT GABRY, Dec. 30.—Local election returns show that Messrs. Davis, Premier, Boarke, Murray, Taylor, and Martin, Ministerialists; and Messrs. Norquer, Howard, and Lux on, Oppositionists, were elected in addition to those returned by acclamation. Several claim is a register to be heard from. The Government claim a majority of eight.

THE BILLIARD CHAMPION

A CONTEST THAT DELIGHTED THE MAGNATES OF THE GAME.

Vignaux and Joseph Dion Playing for the

Championship of the World and a Thousand Dollars - Oue of the Best of Runs. The first match for the Delaney badge the emblem of the billiard championship of the world, was played last night in Tammany Hall badge in the recent tournament, and Joe Dion. In addition to the badge, a stake of \$500 a side was played for. Isldor Gayraud acted as um-pire for Vignaux, Mr. Stone for Dion, Capt Tom Reeves served as referee, and Mr. Wilman

did duty as marker.

At 8:10, in presence of a weli-filled house, the players strung for the lead. Dion won, and played from the string for 0. The Frenchman played from the string for 0. The Frenchman followed with 3, and the game was fairly begun. Joe ran 8, slipping up on a simple carom, after baving executed a brilliant round-the table shot. In the 7th inning Dion played with great care and skill, and scored 28. In the next inning a series of preity draws and follows yielded him 11. In the 15th inning, Vignaux made a run of 192, the second best ever made in the three-ball game, Da'y's 212 being as yet unequalled, placing Vignaux for the first time in the yan, He was 238 to Dion's 115. In his 16th inning he increesed his score by 20 points.

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DION'S START.

From the 9th inning Dion's play had been remarkably poor, an occasional pretty shot varying the monotony; but in the 22d he gave promise of better things by making 22 caroms. This brought him up to 144, and Vignaux was at 271.

There was much bad, or at least unlocky play on both sides from this inning to the 23d, but in this Vignaux made another beavy break of 63, which he effected by about as good play as he has shown. At the close of the 25th inning, when the players took a recess, the score stood—Dion, 153; Vignaux, 332.

Joe began the second part of the game by nursing the red and white for 23, when a "freeze" occurred. Playing from the string he accomplished the carom, and continued to count until he had cleared 44 all told, but broke up on a follow shot to the cushion. Vignaux scored 30 in his 31st inning, making five successive masse shots in the run. He was 42 to Dion's 236. The latter played well in his 34th and 35th innings, making 32 in all. I wo or three of his shots were brilliant ones, a cushion kiss notably so. Vignaux closed the last-named liming with 14, and Dion opened the next with a neat run of 9. In which were three hazardous banks, a cushion kiss, and two draws, all sulendidly executed. In the 39th, by a bank shot, he got the red and white well togeter, and was in a fair way of closing the wide gap between himself and his opponent, but another "freeze" intervened, and playing from the string he missed by a hair's breadth, going down at 27. This he supplemented in the 40th inning with a score of 35, accomplished by much the same kind of play as that which delighted those who saw the game he played with his brother in opening the tournament in November. He was in line form for

who saw the zame be played with his brother in opening the tournament in November. He was in fine form for HARD UP-HILL WORK.

In the next inning he put the red and white in the corner and coaxed them gently from point to point along the lower cushion until they reached the opposite corner, where he banked twice for position's sake, and allowed the balked to scatter, but not before he had added fil to his score. His string now showed 378, and Vign ux 440. The latter had been only loltering, for in the 44th inning although he threw in an occasional fancy shot just to keep himself in practice. He had now but 14 to go.

Dion, with 386 to his credit, entered moon the 45th inning with spirit, but went down at 41. The Frenchman followed with 1, and Dion opened the 48th inning with a glorious run of 64, coming to grief for the fifth or sixth time on a "freeze" Vignaux feeleard 5, and the score stood, Dion 491; Vignaux, 562. So mantully bad Joe worked that everyhody's swmoathy was with him; and when in the next inning he slipped up on 18, the mishap was a pleasure to perhaps no one in the hall except his opponent. Vignaux, with 8 to go made only 5, and Dion had one more chance. A clever long shot brought the red and white together in the upper corner, and he cleared 20, when another "freeze" interrupted his run; but playing from the string he made his opening carom and 13 more, whereupon Vignaux closed the game with 3, amid applause.

Vignaux's best runs were 20, 63, 192, 30, 25, 116. His average was 12%.

Dion's best runs were 22, 28, 51, 44, 27, 35, 61, 41, 64, 34. Time of game, 3 hours 44 minutes.

A four-handed match for \$

ALBANI'S LITTLE RIVALS.

The Glorious Opera Music that they Enjoy in Plebeian Chutham Street.

"Here is the bird for your lovers of music," said Mr. William Leopold, the principal salesman in Charles Rische & Brother's bird store at 55 Chatham street, and he conducted The Sun reporter to a little back room in which was arranged a number of small cages, each containing a single bird. "These," said he, are the educated builfinch. We import them from Germany, where they are thught to waistle different tunes. I will see if I can get this one to whistle us a beautiful little German air that you see on the label on his cage, "The Miller's Son," Then with a gentle and conciliatory tone, at the same time wagging his head from side to side, he called the bird by name until its attention was attracted. Then the bird made a similar movement of its graceful little head. This wagging of heads was continued for a little while, and the bird began to whistle in clear, distinct notes, "The Miller's Son," and after its little song it quietly settled on its perch and took no further notice of anything.

The same persuasive voice and wagging of the the head brought forth from another little fellow a few notes of his song, "Twas thirty years ago." On each cage was a label with the name of the favorite song of the occupant. A few of the labels bore the names of popular operatic airs.

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of the favorite song of the occupant. A few of the labels bore the names of popular operatic airs.

"They do not sing well to-day," said Mr. Leopold, "they have not recovered from the fatigue of their voyage across the ocean, and like our fashionable singers they don't wish to risk their reputation until they have entirely recovered from their exposure."

"Do you sell many?"

"Yes, we find a ready sale for all that we can import. They are a rare bird, and in the old country are highly prized for their wonderful musical talent. Unlike other singing this they do not imitate any casual note that they may hear, but show a decided preference for song, even performing the intricate parts of operatic airs with perfect precision. For these that have been educated for the opera we get \$40. The bailad singers are not so high priced."

WHEELER OR BROWN?

Where Common Sense Prevailed Despite the Legal Technicalities.

County Judge Gifford of Westchester county dismissed a writ of habeas corpus yesterday, and remanded to Sing Sing prison a convict who sought release on the ground that his term had expired. In 1868 a man who for many years had been unfavorably known by the police was conviced in the General Sessions of grand larceny under the name of Joseph Wheeler. He was sentenced to eighteen wonths' imprisonment in Sing Sing prison, but escaped on the wy to the Tombs. On the 18th of Sentember, 1873, he was sentenced in the same court to one year's imprisonment. This time he appeared as Cheries W. Brown. After his sentence a court officer told the Judge that the phisoner owed a year and a half in Sing Sing. His commitment was endorsed so that the twelve months' term should begin after the other term had been served out. A mistake was made in the name, and in Sing Sing it was found that although the convict owed a term of eighteen months under the name of Joseph Wheeler, that name did not appear in the commitment. The paper was taken back to the rourt and the error was corrected. The prisoner urged that the effect was as though he had not been in court when he was sentenced, and he therefore demanded a discharge. vict who sought release on the ground that his

discharge. PANAMA, Dec. 2).—The revolution in Vene-zuela is in full swing. On the 16th of November last the National forces left Caracas under Gene. Queredo and Pacheco. Gen. Ferrer had 500 men under grus. There is great military activity at Caracas, making uniforms and samuals for soldiers. The Government has alk steamers and some five or six armed schooners. On the 16th of November it was announced that Gen. Level of Goda had been captured, with sixteen of his companious, seeking adventures.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 30.—Two notorious horse thieves named Tom Cox and George Alexander, who murdered a gentleman named White at Springfield last October, were killed yesterday near Okmulgee, Instanton of the Communication of the Communic

NEW YORK, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1874. HALF A MILLION IN LAND.

Suit for the Possession of Over Three Hundred Acres in Chicago, once Owned by the Murderer of Helen Jewett.

George A, Kibbe recently, through his attorney, Rudolphus K. Turner, sued George W. Hill and others for possession of a tract of land in Hyde Park, a suburb of Chicago. The property is valued at more than half a million dollars. Kibbe is a resident of Springfield. Mass., and his attorney lives in Quincy. The and in dispute belonged, nearly forty years ago, to Richard P. Robinson, the supposed murderer of Helen Jewett, in this city. Robinson transferred deeds of the land in 1836 to Joseph Hoxle, a well-known merchant of New Yors, who died in 1870. He had employed Robinson as his confidential cierk for a number of years; and when the latter was on trial for the murder of Helen Jewett, his best friend was his old em-

ployer.

The land in dispute consists of 320 acres, which Robinson bought from the Government at \$1.25 an acre. Hoxie held it until June, 1870, when he sold it to George W. Hill, who, since that time, has sold parts of it to J. Young Scannon, the Cook County Land Company, and other

that time, has sold parts of it to J. Young Scammon, the Cook County Land Company, and other parties.

A short time after Robinson's acquittal he went to Texas under the name of Richard Parmalee, and transacted business in that State for many years, a part of the time holding an important office under the Government. While on his way to Washington, in 1856, he was taken sick in Louisville, and died in the Galt House, leaving a will, under which his heirs sued to recover the Chicago land, on the ground that the conveyance made by Robinson to Hoxie in 1856 was not an absolute conveyance. But that it was given as collateral to secure Hoxie. The suit was withdrawn, but on the 4th of December J. Young Scammon was served with a process sued out by George A. Kibbe. Search showed that two deeds, one purporting to have been made by Richard P. Robinson to Empson Hamilton of Philadelphia, dated April I. 1836, and the other by Hamilton to Mrs. Helen O'Hara Harrell, dated June 22, 1842, had beerentered and delivered to R. K. Turner, Kibbe's atbrney, on the 3d of December.

Mrs. Harrell is the widow of Capt. Abraham D. Herrell of the United States Navy. She signed many papers at her husband's request, and when he died she found horself destitute. She says that Turner has more than once assured her that he was about to recover \$200,000 for her in the West.

A Woman About Whom Boarding House Keepers May Read with Profit.

An elegant woman, calling herself Mrs. Casselman, bargained for a room with Mrs. Gleason, at 40 West Fourth street, promising to pay \$10 a week for her own and her husband's board. She took immediate possession, ex-plaining that Mr. Casselman was on his way board. She took immediate possession, explaining that Mr. Casselman was on his way from Europe. She had a fine piano brought in, but did not play much on it because, as she said, her music was in her trunk, which the Adams Express Company had mislaid. She called at Kinney's livery stable, at 136 West Fourth street, and arranged to have a carriage always ready for her use. She would, she said, take her first ride the next day, when she would go to the Chatham Bank and get a check for \$7,000 casped. Before this trip, however, she asked Mrs. Gleason to cash a check for \$150 on the same bank, and failing to get it, asked Mr. Browne, the owner of the nouse, to let her have the money. He said he would, but she hesitated to give him the draft. Just then the cayriage came for her, and she said she would first consult with her cousin, Judge Sutherland. At her earnest request Mrs. Gleason got into the carriage with her and went to the bank, at 196 Bowery, Mrs. Casselman entered, leaving Mrs. Gleason in the carriage; but soon reappeared, saying that the unusual size of the draft had made the President timorous, and that he had gelayed payment to make inquiries. Next they rode to the express office, and then to the Post Office, where the new boarder got a letter purporting to come from a Mrs. Ackerman, of Bergen Point, regretting her departure, and notifying to her the sending of her clothing.

After several days Mrs. Gleeson asked for a settlement, and was met with m recilous stories of wealthy relatives and high social connections. At last the landiady employed a detective, who learned that her additional that he had prepared to repeat her exploit in a boarding house in Eeventh street. Knabe took back the piano which she had got from his establishment, and Weber will not send the one which she engaged for her

enth street. Knabe took back the plane which she had got from his establishment, and Weber with not send the one which she engaged for her Eleventh street room.

MR. GALLAHER'S CHURCH.

An Explanation of the Society's Fluancial

The Rev. H. M. Gallaher accepted a call in 1872, at a salary of \$6,000, his failing health in-Shortly afterward, A. W. Dimock, who is now living in Massachusetts, failed, thereby depriving the church of one of its mainstays, where upon Mr. Gailaner himself reduced his salary to \$3,000, with the understanding that he might lecture when he wished. The church's debt at time was over \$70,00, since reduced to about \$32,000. There were against the church one mortrage of \$25,000, and a second of \$10,000, the latter of which had been deposited with other mortgages by Dimock, to secure a loan from the Third Avenue Savings Bank. The other collaterals being sufficient to secure the foan, the representative of the savings bank made no opposition to the church being bought in by Mr. Batten, one of the trustees. The church gave this mortgage of \$10,000 to accommodate Mr. Dimock, who had dolle a great deal for the church.

The Common Council on Monday night cancelled the assessment against the church, to balance a claim the church held against the city for property taken in opening a street.

Mr. Gallaher is and will be supported to the extent of the church's solity. The church pivs his salary as promptly as any church in Elizabeth pays its minister's salary, and was never in better financial condition than now. The property was sold at public sale to Mr. Batten, one of its members; but Mr. Gallaher never asked Mr. Batten's or any one's permission to preach in it. Moreover, the Forty-second street, New York, church have not offered to hire Mr. Gallaher at a salary of \$10,000. He preached for them on one Sunday, only to accommodate them. ducing him to leave a large church in Brooklyn.

THE OLD WORLD'S NEWS.

Settling the Differences in the French As-sembly on the Constitutional Bills. Paris, Dec. 30 .- President of the Assem bly Buffet, MM. Dufaure Depeyre, Leon Say, De Kerdril and Chesnelong, and the Dukes de Brog-

He and D'Audiffret Pasquier, leaders of the various groups in the Assembly, met to day at the Elysee at the suggestion of Fresident MacMahon to endeavor to arrive at an understanding concerning the constitutional laws. The Ministry were represented by the Duke Decazes, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and M. Chabaud Latour, Minister of the Interior. A settlement of the differences upon these bills is hoped for.

A significant note is published in Le Français warning the Assembly to fulfil its engagements.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—Gen. Martinez Campos has pronounced in favor of Prince Alphonse (son of ex-Queen Isabella), and with two battalions of soldiers is at Murvidro, in the province of Valencia. A portion of the Republican Army of the Centre has been withdrawn from the pursuit of the Carlists to march against him.

The Count von Arnim's Appeal. BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Count von Arnim ap-pealed yesterday to the Kammergericht from the sentence in his case. The Public Prosecutor ap-pealed before the Count.

A Police Commissioner's Roman Virtue.
"I accept no free passes, sir. Be good enough
to send that back with my compliments," said Comto seek that oack with my compliments, said Com-missioner Disbecker yesterday, as he handed to a clerk a season ticket sent to the Central Police Office for his use. The oystanders murnured their admiration; but one mean Icilow, who examined the teket after Mr. Disbecker had gone out of the room, said that it was only a pass across the Hoboken ferry, and that probacy the Commissioner had no use for it.

John C. Heenan's Compution Hanged. San Francisco, Dec. 30. - John, Murphy, who was hanged at Carson, Nevada, yeste, day, for the mur-der of J. R. McCallum, was a native of Scotiand, and at one time travelled with John C. Heenan, giving sparring exhibitions. On the scandol he made some remarks, professing his besief in Spiritualism, and at the sinc time uttering horrible blasphemy.

Failure of Iron Manufacturers.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 30.—Wharton Brothers & Co., iron manufacturers, filed their petition in bank-ruptcy vesterday. The aggregate of the liabilities of the firm is £219,531. The assets are stated at £303,547. The low price of manufactured iron, duliness of trade, and backwardness of customers in paying up are assigned as the cause of failure.

Where Wickham's Axe will First Descend.

Mayor Vance has decided to leave to Mayor
Wickham the appointment of the new Fire Commis-

GERRIT SMITH'S FUNERAL

THE LAST HOURS AND FINAL CERE-MONIES IN THE CITY.

Magnificent Tribute from the Representa-

The body of Gerrit Smith lay in state in he room in which he died in Gen. John Cochrane's house, at 60 Clinton place, until half-past four yesterday afternoon. As early as 10 o'clock in the morning the public began to arrive, and from that time until the cortege started for the Mr. Smith lay in the spot where he died, the bed on which he lay having been removed and the body put in an ice box. The large room was filled with his friends, among whom were the Hon. Reuben E. Fenton, the Hon. Benj. F. Manlerre, Prof. P. B. Spear of Hamilton University,
Mr. James Brown, Mr. Charles Backus, and Mr.
William F. Johnson, the Principal of the Colored Half Orphan Asylum, who accompanied a
delegation of the pupils of the institution, bearing a large bouquet which they deposited at the
head of the body. Among the calle's were also
many old Peterboro' friends of Mr. Smith.
Señors Francisco V. Aguilera and Historio
Cisneros were the delegates chosen by the Cubans in this city to accompany the funeral party
to Peterboro. The magnificent floral cross presented by the Cubans was taken to the house
carly in the day under their direction. It is
about three feet in height, and is composed of
tuberoses and white pinks sprinkied with moss
roses, and stands on a base of large double
violets. Two cards are attached to it with white
satin ribbons, one bearing the name M. de
Aldama, and the other the words: "Respects
of the Cubans to Gerrit Smith." This cross it
is the intention of the relatives to place above
the sleeper's breast between the plain black
walnut coffin and the outer case in which he is
to be buried.
At 2:30 P. M. the remains were taken from the lerre, Prof. P. B. Spear of Hamilton University,

walnut coffin and the outer case in which he is to be buried.

At 2:30 P. M. the remains were taken from the ice and received the last preparations for the grave, being dressed in a complete suit of black. The face as it lay imbedded in flowers was senee—indeed, almost joyous. For another hour callers were allowed to view the features, and then the relatives gathered in the room and listened to a prayer from the Rev. Thomas Gallaudet and to an address of about five minutes' length. To this service only the family were admitted.

At 4:30 the coffin was taken to the Grand Cen-

utes' length. To this service only the family were admitted.

At 4:30 the coffin was taken to the Grand Central depot, attended by the funeral party, consisting of Gen. Cochrane snd his brother, James W. Cochrane, Col. Charles D. Miller, a son-in-law of Mr. Smith; Col. Chapman Biddle of Philadelphia, Mr. Smith's nephew by marriage; Mrs. Barclay and Mrs. Kemeys, his nieces; Mr. Henry Barclay, his grand nephew, and Señors Aguilera and Cisneros.

The sleeping-car Canandaigua had been provided for the party, and at 6 o'clock they started on the Hudson River Railroad for Canastota. Thence they are to go by carriage nine miles to Peterboro', whither Mrs. Charles D. Miller, Mr. Smith's daughter, and Mr. Dudley Miller, his grandson, went on Tuesday night to complete the arrangements for the funeral.

At 1 o'clock this alternoon funeral services, simple, are to be performed by Mr. Hotham of Syracuse, and the body is to be buried in the family plot in the village burying ground.

NOT THE PLACE FOR THIEVES.

New York Burgiar Caught and Convicted in a New Jersey Village.
Mr. L. D. Cook lives directly opposite to Mr. G. R. Giles in Bound Brook, N. J., and their houses are connected by a telegraph wire. On the night of Nov. 5 Mr. Giles was awakened by some one trying to enter the house. He telegraphed to Mr. Cook, who, looking out, saw a man at Giles's front window. He fired, and the man ran. The sash fastening was cut away by the burglar. The next morning Mr. Theodore Winsor discovered that his house had been entered, the sash was cut away in one of the basement windows. The burglar stole a pair of new gatters and overshoes and put them on. He was tracked for some distance by the new overshoes. Mr. Cook offered a reward, and that afternoon a colored man, William B. Mulford, met a man between Chimney Rock and Bound Brook whose "face looked bad," and who was wearing new overshoes, and Mulford and F. S. Carr arrested him and took him to Bound Brook. On the way the man threw away a glass cutter and chisel, and hid several sperm candles under the straw of the wagon. When taken before Justice Bush seven keys, which had been filed, were found on his person, and two pawn tickets unde out to Charles Bennet. He described himself as John Bender of 65 Hester street, New York, and atterward changed the number to III. Mr. Winsor identified the gailers and choes. The prisoner said he had bought noem of two men that morning at four o'clock. He was committed for trial, and on Tuesdey was tried in Somerville before Judge Dalrymple, and found guilty of burglary.

While he was in the court room the jailer searched his cell and found five bricks loosened, ready for removal.

The Successor of James Irving as Captain of the Detective Police. The Police Commissioners in executive ession yesterday considered the necessity for a reorganization of the detective office. Sweeping changes are to be made, including the removal of Capt. Irving. Soveral gentlemen are named of Capt. Irving. Several gentiemen are named for the captaincy. President Matsell, who knows the stuff that the captains are m de of, favors the appointment of Capt. Jeremiah Petty, whose election to an Inspectorship was once annulled by a change of one vote. The merchants of the Fifth Ward say that if Capt. Petty cannot be restored to them, his next most useful position, as far as they are concerned, is that of Chief of the Detective Police.

At the meeting of the Board of Police Justices yesierday, the cnief clerks of the several courts were transferred. Major Geo. W. Cooney coes from the Tombs to Yorkville, Wm. Rockwell from Yorkville to the Tombs, John Dillon from Jefferson Market to Hariem, and George W. Greiger from Harlem to Jefferson Market. Major Cooney was reappointed Secretary of the Board for another year. The Postmaster-General's New Instructions

to Postmasters.

On and after the 1st of January, 1875, all printed matter of the second class destined for Canada printed matter of the second class destined for Canada will be treated as though it was destined for the United States, the arrangement with the Canadian postal authorities being that it shall be delivered there free of charge. All matter of this class coming into our offices from Canada will be delivered by this Department free of charge. The same rule also applies to transient newspapers and postal cards.

On and after Fee. 1, 1875, the single letter rate to Canada will be three cents, prepayment obligatory, and all letters received from Canada will be delivered free of charge.

The Williamsburgh Special Election.
The election to day in the Seventh Assembly
district of Kings promises to be a hotly contested one. District of Kings promises to be a noty contested one. The friends of the King candidate have slight hope of success if a fair election is held. Therefore they will react to their old tactics. This morning a gang of repe ters from the Fifth Ward will invade the district and vote early and often, while another g ng from the Fitcenth Ward will assist, if they are not stopped by Capt, Woglom's police. Tails is the plan by which the Ring hope to defeat the high-minded Jonn W. Fiaheriy, whom all their promites and threats have failed to move or terrify.

The Hon, Alvah Crocker's Estate. Boston, Dec. 30.—The late Hon, Alvah Crocker BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The late Hon, Alvan Crocker made a will a long time ago, which he recently destroyed, intending to make another changing its provisions. He expressed his intention of doing so on Thursday last, but did on Saturday without executing the important document. His estate is estimated at one million dollars.

The funeral took place from the Episcopal church in Fitchourg at 2 P. M. to-day. There was a large attenuance.

MA County Trensury Robbed. PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 30.—About 6 o'clock, this vening, Thomas Pennell, Treasurer of Cumberland ounty, was knocked down in his office and the safe

robbed of between \$8,000 and \$10,000. One of the robbers first engaged his attention by asking to have a check cashed and immediately after and knocked nim sens less. With the aid of a confederate, the safe was plundered of its conients. Mr. Pennell's pockets were also rifled. The thieves escaped. The Mill River Disaster.

Boston, Dec. 30.—Mr. French, Chairman of the Legis'ative Committee on Reservoirs, visited Hayden-ville yestorday to ascertain the cause of the late disaster there. His verdict was-taulty engineering, faulty material and faulty building, and that the dain was not wide caough, the stone not suitable, and the grouting not good enough. SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH Eight persons were killed on Tuesday by an explosion in a coal mine near Evanston, Wyoming Territory.

cloy. Beveridge of Hilinois has ordered a succiti election in the First Congressional District on Jan. 23d, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Hon. Joon B. Rice. Congressman-elect Seeiye of Amherst College declines to be a candidate for the late Hon. Alvah Crocker's unexpired term. The indications now are that Laravette Maitby of Northampton will be elected to the place.

to the place.

At the Provincial elections in Manitoba vester-day, the Hon, R. A. Davis, Premier of the Manitoba Cabinet, was re-elected to the Provincial Parliament for Winneyer by 15 m. jority over tapt. Scott. A con-test will case on the ground of corrupt practices.

MAJOR-GENERAL M. L. SMITH.

The Sudden Death of a Hero of Fort Donel-son in Taylor's Hotel-A Man who Re-jected the Patronage of Two Presidents.

The body of the stranger found in room 20 of Taylor's Hotel, Jersey City, on Tuesday morning was that of Major-Gen. Morgan L. Smith of Washington. Yesterday morning ex-Congressman Cavanagh read of the General's death in THE SUN, and visited the hotel. He was followed by Mr. E. M. Tomlinson and Wm. B. Smith, a brother of the dead man, who iden-

tifled the body. Gen. Smith was born in the village of Mexico, Gen. Smith was born in the village of McKico, Oswego county, N. Y., sixty years ago, and was one of a family of ten children, most of whom served in the war. Smith entered the regular army as a private, and was in the Mexican war. When the rebellion broke out he oraganized a regiment of Missourlans, of material such as enlisted in the Billy Wilson Zouaves. Col. Smith led the charge on Fort Donelson, and for gallantry was made a Brigadier-General. At Vicksburg, Shiloh, and other engagements he distinguished himself, and afterward marched with Sherman to the sea. In 1864 for gallantry in action he was made Major-General, and given command of the defences around Vicksburg. At the close of the war he was offered a commission in the regular army, which he refused. President Johnson appointed him United States Consul to the Sandwich Islands, and Gen. Grant offered him the Governorship of Colorado Territory, which he also declined. For some years he has lived in Washington, and has prosecuted claims against the Government. He is said to have had an income of \$25,000 a year. His family live in Willard's Hotel.

County Physician Stout, assisted by Dr. Bird, made a post mortem examination of the body last night. The stomach was ulcerated and the lungs congested. The physicians certified that he died of congestion of the lungs. Oswego county, N. Y., sixty years ago, and was

REDUCING MINERS' WAGES.

A New Schedule Ordered by the Conl Operators-A Strike Expected.

PORT RICHMOND, Pa., Dec. 30.-The final meeting of operators of the Lehigh, the Upper Lehigh, and a part of the Wyoming anthracite coal region to arrange a basis of miners' wages for 1875 was held in Mauch Chunk this afternoon. After considerable discussion as to the state of the trade and the general condition of things in the coal districts the producers agreed that business would not allow a continuance of the present wages, and a new schedule of mining rates was adopted for 1875, with a reduction of fifteen per cent. on contract work and ten per cent. on miners' and laborers' wages. The reduced scale will go into effect on Jan. 1. The operators' committee will meet the miners to-morrow to offer them the proposition. As the men have expressed themselves very strongly against any decrease, it is generally expected that they will at once inaugurate a strike. John Siney, Precident of the Miners' National Association, says that it is impolitic for miners to stand out while the coal trade is in the present rather unsettled condition, but urges them to subject their grievances to arbitration. An impression prevails that the miners' organization will be destroyed it an open rupture occurs between the operators and the men. Much destitution and crime prevail in all parts of the coal regions. of things in the coal districts the producers

A WOMAN LOST.

A Deaf Mute that Fell into the Hands of the

Police in Fordham.
The police of the Tremont station turned over to the Commissioners of Charities and Cor-rection, yesterday, a woman who was found by the police in Fordham, at the end of the horse railroad, lost, knowing neither whence she had come nor whither she wished to go. As she could not read or write, she was taken to the West Farms asylum for deaf mutes; but she could not make herself understood there, and the officers took her back to the police station; there deep interest was manifested by those who were told that she is thirty years old and yet cannot understand what others say nor make herself understood. She has dark bair, and wears a plaid dress, black cloth jacket and waterproof cloak, black hat and black feather, and looks like a German.

A HINI TO BOSS KELLY.

Denying Tammany's Right to Forestall the Action of the Assembly Caucus.

The following circular signed by several of the country Democratic members of Assembly has been sent out to each one of the Democratic Assemblymen out of New York city:

DEAR SIR: The newspapers announce that the Democratic members of the New York city delegation to the Assembly have recently held a caucus, at which a complete set of nominations were made for the offices of United States Senator, Speaker, and Cierz of the Assembly, and written pledges exacted and made to treat such nomina now as authoritative and binding as though made by the entire Democracy of the State as represented in the Assembly. Without expressing any judgment either favorable or adverse to the worthy gentlemen named for the several positions, it seems to us that this course of action on the part of the New York city Democrate delegation, renders it desirable that the country Democratic members—all outside of the city of New York—should, prior to the time for tholding the usual legislative caucus, meet for consultation. Permit us to suggest the time and piece for such meeting as follows, vizz. Delayan House, Albany, Jan.

A Protest Against a Reduction of Wages.
FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 30.—At a crowded meeting of the weavers this evening, to consider the proposed reduction of their wages, resolutions were passed declaring that if compelled to accept the reducpassed declaring that it compelled to accept the reduc-tion it would be under protest; and appealing to the agents to continue the present system of short time rather than enforce a reduction. The resolution passed at the spinners' meeting to withdraw their savings from the loanks was endorsed.

At a meeting of the spinners to-night, called to her the report of the delegation appointed to confer with the agents, it was resolved to accept their report, with the uncerstanding that the reduction be accepted under protest, and make preparation for a strike in spring.

Another Philadelphia Boy Abducted. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—Yesterday afternoon as two little boys, Willie Shaw and Otneho Beatty, both aged about six years, were playing near the schoolaged about six years, were playing near the school-house at Amidown Mills, on Wissahleken Creek, a man approached and offered them fifty cents if tuey would show him the way to the Kitchen Mills. The boys re-fused, and the stranger picked up Beauty and escaped with him into the woods leading to Chestinu Hill. Fine neighbors, alarmed by the boy Shaw, started in pursuit, but failed to find the abductor. The kitnapped boy was found, however, about a mile from the point where he was selved. The man had evidently discovered that he was pursued, and dropped the boy.

A Woman's View of the Federal City. Mrs. Marie Antoinette Nathalie Pollard, known n Washington as "West India Wild Rose," lectured in in Washington as "West India Wild Rose," lectured in Steicway Hall on Tuesday evening. The attendance was uncommonly large, and Mrs. Pollard was well assisted by Prof. J. E. Frobisher, and a few able vocaties. The subject of the lecture was "Washington Society," which Mrs. Pollard knows thoroughly, but of which, unhappity, she said little. The natural oratorical talent of the accompished and attractive lady seems to carry her away from her subject. She gave a declamation on the merits of virtue that should prevail in Washington, rather than an abalysis or a description of vices that do prevail.

A Terrific Faction Fight in Canada OTTAWA, Dec. 30.-Information has just been received here of a terrific faction fight between the Dwyces and O'Briens at Perkins's Mills in Templeton, on Christmas any. There were seventien of Dwyer's adderents to fifteen of O'Brien's. They fought until evening and every man had to be carried awar. A priest fried to stop the Eghting, but he was also beaten

BROOKLYN.

The Superintendent of the State Asylum for the Iosane says that Kate Stoddard, who killed Charles Goodrich in Brooklyn, is a hopeless lunatic.

In the Court Street Mission of Dr. Storrs's Brooklyn churen, Mr. A. B. Martin, the superintendent, spread a Christinus table for 200 homeless boys last night, and made them all happy by presents.

CURIOSITIES OF CRIME.

John Johnson, the murderer of Andrew Johnson, was sentenced in Cleveland yesterday to be hanged on the 28th of April. John Goodman was hanged in Ottawa, Put-nam county, Ohio, vesterday at noon, for the marker of the liaywood family last April. The prisoner confessed the crime while on the scaffold.

Burglars entered Peter Dalton's hardware store, 48 Newark avenue, Josey City, yesterday morn-ing, and carried off several revolvers. The store is directly opposite the Police Central Office.

John Nagle, just discharged from the United States Army at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, was robbed on an Eric train near Port Jervis yesterday by "three-card monte" gamblers of \$450, the result of uve years' savings. Capt. Allaire and Sergt. Byrnes of the Mulber-ry street poice made a descent last evening on the Eel Pot, at Kilz beth and Hester streets. Thomas Burns, the proprietor, and twenty-three men and women were arrested.

Louis Meuze, a Hoboken music teacher, was yesieristy convicted in the Hudson County Court of assaulting Grace Krouse, a pupil, and of having assaulted Mrs. Krouse when she hurried to her daughter's assistance.

Capt. Van Dusen, Sergt. Murray, Detective Spencer Clark, and a section of officers of the Mercer street police, made a descent last aight on John Frink's gambling house at 856 Broadway. The officers arrested four men, and took to the station house one faro table, one larout, 900 chios, and citier implements.

LIFE IN THE METROPOLIS.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

DASHES HERE AND THERE BY THE

SUN'S REPORTERS. Special Counsel in City Sults-Comptroller Green's Relations with the Lawyers-A Wounded Corporation Counsel's Views.

Mayor Vance sent on Tuesday to Corporation
Counsel Smith a letter in which he sharply condemned
the employment of special counsel with sole power in
city suits, adding: "With you rests the responsibility,
and you cannot relieve yourself thereof by handing city suits, adding: "With you rests the responsibility, and you cannot relieve yourself thereof by handing over the care of a particular litigation to any counsel over the cars of a particular litigation to any counsel you may select. It is your duty to represent the city in all its litigatious, and where, in the discharge of this daty, it is necessary for you to appear in court, you ought to attend there." Yesterday Mr. Builth replied that it many of the cases complained of the counsel were selected by Comptroller Green under circumstance with seemed to excuse if they did not justify such a country of the country of the country in the case of the country is a country of the case of the country is presented to the country in the case of the case of the country is a country of the case of the country is considered to the country is considered to the country of the case of the country is considered to the case of the case of the country of the case of the case

The Watch that Gen. Lafayette Gave to Mad Anthony Wayne.

"Among my most valuable curiosities," said Mr. Newberry, leaning over the glass case full of all kinds of watches in his little curiosity shop at 50 Chatham street, "is this watch, for which I have been offered \$400," and he handed the reportor an old-fashioned bull's-eye silver watch. It is of more delicate workmanship than the most of the watches of the latter half of the eighteenth century, and is orn mented with elaborate chas ngs and sixteen little gold knobs. The face is open, the double case not covering the disl, the hands are of gold, and on the back is riveted a golden shield about an linen in width, on which is engraved," Au Souvenir Is Fafayette a son cher ami Wayne, General de l'armee Federale. Fredericksburg, Va., le 5 June, 1781." It was made by Benjamin Webb of London, and has his number, 65.20. "It is a chronometer balance," said Mr. Newberry, "and keeps time to a second. This is the watch that Lifayette wore until he was presented with another by Gen. Washington. Then he gave this, as the in cription indicates, to Gen. Wayne. After her death the Coleg family had it for two generations. It was then traded off to a Mr. J. H. Hazard, and of him I bought it."

Early on Christmas morning a throng gathered silently in Murray's saloon, Fulton and Adams streets, Brooklyn, and the shides were drawn and the lights turned low. A carpet was spread on the floor, and a cock fight was begun. There were two battles and two roosters were killed. Mr. Bergh's man Phillips ascerained there had been a fight, and cotained warrants yesterday for the arrest of Robert alias "Crow" Murray, Charles Johnson, John Dwyer, the z prize fighter and brother of Alderman Dwyer of the Second Ward, Billy Edwards, and Arthur Chambers, puglists.

The Restless Barnum's Latest. Mr. Barnum will close the great Roman Hip-podrome soon after the holiday season, as a means of podrome soon after the holiday scason, as a means of getting time to recent the race horses and other animals and renovate all the golden chariots and vase paraphernalia preparatory to the great sammer traveling campaign. The entire establishment is to be two ported in 125 railroad cars to all the largest owns in New England and the Middle and Westera States. Exhibitors are to be given twice a day under immentations are to be given twice a day under immentations are \$7,500.

The lawyers in the great scandal suit were yesterlay busy with their preliminary arrangements, and at work on their lists of with sees. M. Morris made out many subpenses, and will send them to-day. Mr. Shearman worked is a pie of law books in his Nasicau street office. The Commissioner of Jurors started out his summe pee for 500 jur jures to report on Monday at eleven octors. Nostrus have been taken to delay the trial, and there is every prospect that it will guright on.

Cornelius K. Garrison's Omission.

Cornelius K. Garrison sold the steamer George
Leary in August, 1966, to the Baltimore Packet Company, for \$240,000. A suit was instituted sgainst the
vessel in Virgicia by persons holding claims against Mr.
Garrison, and it was sdjudged that Mr. Carrison striit
owned a one-fourth share, which was sold for \$20,677.64.
The Packet Company tiem sued Garrison for that
amount, as he had failed on notification to defa of their
title in the Virginia still, Juver Kootho on yeateday
gave the company judgment for the amount claimed.

The Poor Eallet Girls' Benefit. The Foor Eallet Girls' Benefit.

The Kirally Brothers have distributed 3,004 tickets mong the attac és of the Grand Opera House, with the offer that fifty per cent, of the gross sales shall be assiged them for their benefit. As there are ever 300 girls in the piece, storekeepers may expect to be estiged. The tieses are good for Saturday afteracood and evening of this week, the last performances of the "Black Croos." One girl has already sold forty-six dexets, thus resilizing \$23 for her New Year's.

The will of the late merchant, Caarles Nicoli Talbot, of 62 Fifth avenue, was admitted to probate yesterday. He died on the 20th ult., and was interred in the family valit at Twellin savet and rills answer and the bequeathed legacies of 120,000 each to his sons and daughters, and a thousand dollars each to his two brothers and his hepnew, Charles Ta but Poor. The income of all the residue he gave to his wife, and the principal to their children at her death.

The Scientists and the Earthquake.

The Lyceum of Natural History has undertaken to study the earthquake which was fet in the Leighborhood of this city Dec. 10, and has appointed a committee to collect facts. Persons able to give exact information should write to Professor D. S. Martia, of hungers from the College, New York, describing the place of ooservation, the time and duration of the shock, and the nature and direction of the motion.

The Era of Decent Cheap Lodgings.

The dormitory, at 98 Bowery, in which respectable men may lodge respectably for twenty-five cents a night, has a counterpart at 89 Bowery, the proprietor of which writes: "The enterprise has been in every way successful through the kindness of The Sun in making the Shartan Bornitory known. On Newl Year's Eve we intend to make a gratuitous distribution of a valuable fibrary among our guests."

If Capt. Van Dusen should go any evening to the southeast corner of Thirteenth street and Fourth avenue, and ascend the staircase on the Thirteenth street side, he might find in a small room a faro table, a large quantity of chips, a returns, middle-aged man in a vo-yet yest, and several friends.

Several Wall street bankers were summoned to Boston by Gov. Talbot yesterday to enlighten him further concerning Spence Pettis, the forger, whose pardon he is asked to grant, Doing Themselves Credit.

The Clerkship of the New Jersey Assembly has been conceded to Mr. Hugh F. McDermott, editor of the Jersey City Heraid.

Information Wanted.

Was the Resignation Tendered? Comptroller Green had a conference with the Governor elect in the latter's horary last evening.

Continued cold and partly cloudy weather, ith areas of light snow, northerly winds, and rising a portion of the day.

The trial of Fred. Klennen, the defaulting cyshier of the Hoboken Savings Bank, has been see down for trial on Monday. Subpenses for witnesses were served yesterday.

Mayor Sawyer, acting as counsel for the families of the four men who were killed by the talling of the bucket at shalt No. 5 of the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Rairosad tunnol, is to sue the company, laying damages as \$100,000.

JOITINGS ABOUT TOWN. Handsomely written resolutions were presented to Gen. Sigel in the Legister's office yesterday by the certas.

The officers of the United States Darien Surveying Expedition came to this city y sterday to complete their preparations.

A special panel of 100 jurors was drawn vesterday in Supreme Court Chambers for the Oyer and terminer, which opens on Monday.

The incoming and outgoing Mayors will together receive their friends in the Governor's Boom towners whether it and I o'clock.

The Commissioners of Charities and Correction net yesserday and accepted the resignation of Mr. Moses Goodkind, the purchasing agent.

The Literary Society of St. Francis Xavier's Chu ch gave their winter exhibition last evening for the benefit of St. Francis Xavier's Church.

The Children's Aid Society has passed resolu-The Children's Aid Society has passed resolu-tions honoring the memory of the late henj min J. Howland, who was for twenty-one years a manager. Dr. Leo reported vesterday as the result of his post mortem examination that there were no signa of vice ence on the body of the infant whose death had led to the arrest of Dr. Charles Demoor.

The Shipowners' Association has sent to Gov. Dix an address, in which he is warmly thanked for his official policy toward the interests of New York harmor. Health Officer Vanderpoel is incidentally compilmented.

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A number of connoisseurs in wine made a satisfactory trial of Mr. Thos. Warker's patent champague
apparatus in the Hofman House last evening. Still
wines were made to sparkie, and the process of making
American champagae was explained.

The South Norwalk special train in running through Fordnam yesterday morning demolished a feed wagon belonging to C. H. Arthur. The driver, John Leddy, who was slightly intoricated, was thrown ten feet into the air, but with the horses escapes aimon